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PERFORMANCE OF GINNING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the cotton ginning industry is running hardly at 35% of its capacity;

(b) If so, the reasons for such a poor performance;

(c) The quantity of cotton processed by the industry during the last two years, year-wise; and

(d) The steps being taken by the Government to improve the condition of the ginning industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) The ginning & pressing industry is a seasonal one working for a period of around 9 months (October-June) during the cotton year October-September. According to a recent survey there are 3342 Ginning & Pressing factories in the country, which include 902 composite units (both ginning & pressing facilities), 122 pressing units and 2318 ginning units. This capacity is sufficient to process about 250 lakh bales per year. Taking into account average domestic production of 160 lakh bales, the capacity utilization of ginning & pressing factories is about 65%.

(b) Excess capacity has been created partly due to various incentives given by some State Governments and also due to fluctuating production of cotton in different States.

(c) The quantity of cotton processed during 2000-01 & 2001-02 cotton years is 140 lakh bales and 158 lakh bales respectively.

(d) Government has launched the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) to improve the productivity and quality of cotton. Under Mini Mission IV of the TMC, capital incentive @ 25% subject to a limit of Rs.20 lakh is provided for modernisation of ginning & pressing factories.